Please help improve the lives of rural Americans by protecting and expanding the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless providers. Wireless telecommunications is no longer a luxury in our society; it is a fundamental necessity for public health, safety and economic development

Capping the fund will shut the door on rural America. Less USF support for rural wireless networks will leave us with poor coverage, dropped calls and dangerous dead zones. The urban/rural technology gap will only widen.

Rural America deserves the same cell phone service as our big cities. I urge you to expand – not cap – the USF. Please don't leave us behind.

Being from an extremely rural area myself, I can say without a doubt that capping the USF would have a direct, negative impact on my community and many of the surrounding communities. I cannot emphasize enough the important role this fund plays in the safety and growth of our small communities. On a daily basis, customers enter our store and ask why they do not have service in their area. This fund is the only hope these customers have for cellular service. Please continue to allow us to better serve our customers with the use of the Universal Service Fund.

Thank you,

Andrea Cornett Rural American and Wireless Provider